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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
                 Public School Academy Directors
                 Nonpublic School Superintendents
                 School Principals

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Participation Requirements for 22.i Technology Readiness
                 Infrastructure Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites public school districts, public school academies (districts) and intermediate school districts (ISDs) to apply for the Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant. The grant is available for viewing at http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/.

The $50 million grant program is composed of five categories. Applications for each category will be phased in over the next four months.

Category One: District Participation lists the requirements that districts must agree to in order to receive funds under this category. ISDs must agree to the same Category One requirements for their constituent districts to receive funds.

(approx. $16 million)

Category Two: Consortium Leadership Applications invites districts and ISDs to apply to act as leaders of regional and statewide consortia. The consortia work will include, but is not limited to, organizing consortium members, facilitating the completion of regional technology readiness planning process, and other activities. Applicants will propose consortium membership, document past success at leading multi-district technology projects, and provide a list of qualified individuals to assist the MDE, or its designee, in directing the statewide grant work.

(approx. $1 million)

Category Three: Statewide Activities Application will be available to winning Category Two Consortium Leaders. This may be in conjunction with external partners to provide one or more of the seven statewide activities that carry out the grant work. Applicants will propose a means by which they will carry out this work and the external partnerships necessary to complete it.

(approx. $16 million)

Category Four: Consortium Membership Confirmation will require districts and ISDs participating in Category One to confirm participation in one of the winning Category Two consortiums. Districts and ISDs will also be required to indicate spending categories for the Category One funds distributed for their use.

(approx. $1 million)

Category Five: Interconnecting ISD and District Proposals will invite eligible entities to apply for the remaining funds, currently estimated at $16 million, for the purpose of interconnecting ISDs and districts to form a Statewide Education Network.

(approx. $16 million)

Category One allows all districts and ISDs to participate and receive funding. The MDE has allocated up to $16 million for Category One. Every district that meets eligibility and participation requirements qualifies to receive **$10/enrolled pupil** based on the Fall 2012 blended count.

Category One applications will be available in MEGS+ on November 22, 2012 and are due on or before December 20, 2012.

The eligibility requirements for districts include:

- Individual districts and public school academies must complete the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) technology readiness survey by **November 29, 2012**.
- Individual districts and ISDs must agree to complete a technology readiness planning process designated by the MDE no later than June 30, 2013.

The MDE has posted a list of districts and ISDs that have successfully completed the SBAC survey and will continue to update that list through November 29 2012. To find the list, visit http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/.

The MDE is supporting district and ISDs in successfully completing the SBAC survey and submitting Section 22.i grant applications. Please find screencasts of application instructions at http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/. We have scheduled webinars to answer questions on the following dates.

SBAC Tech Readiness informational webinar dates and times include:

9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 15
1:00 p.m. Fridays, November 16
1:00 p.m. Monday, November 19
9:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 20

Section 22.i Grant informational webinar dates and times include:
11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 29
1:30 p.m. Friday, November 30
10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 6
1:30 p.m. Friday, December 7
10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 13
1:30 p.m. Friday, December 14

The webinars can be accessed through Adobe Connect®:
http://remc.adobeconnect.com/techready

The audio conference will be accessible through the following number:
Call-in Number: 215-861-0692, access code: 8828859#

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